

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch
REPORT

Date February 17, 1934.

Subject H. A. Nicolsky, candidate for employment as Driver of Reserve Unit.

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Herman Alex-androvitch NICOLSKY, Russian, was born on June 11, 1910 at Blagoveschensk, Amur Province. According to his own statement he fled from Vladivostok to Manchuria in 1924 together with his cousin and subsequently resided in Harbin where he attended a commercial school for about four years. Soon upon leaving the school he proceeded to Shanghai in quest of employment, arriving in this city in the end of September, 1928. On January 11, 1929 he joined the Russian Detachment, S.V.C. From 1.9.32 he has been attached to the Transport Office, S.V.C. Headquarters.

On 6.12.35 he married Miss Rogneda S. Gantimurova. His elder sister is the wife of Mr. A. G. Kuropatov, an employee of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who at present is in Swatow. He states that apart from his sister he has no relatives in China.

Nicolsky is registered with the Russian Emigrants' Committee, 118/1 Moulmein Road on the strength of an emigrants passport issued at Harbin. In the Committee's register the date of his birth is stated as 16.6.1907. In this connection Nicolsky explained that he had given a false declaration to the Harbin Police regarding his age in order to obtain a separate passport.

Discreet enquiries among members of the Russian Detachment reveal that he is regarded with suspicion by some of them on account of his antecedents. It appears that the suspicion is based solely on a rumour that while in Harbin he was employed for some time as a chauffeur with the Far Eastern Bank, a Russian institution. However, no confirmation of this rumour was obtained.

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Nicolsky has a clean record with the Russian Detachment
and while in Shanghai he did not come to the notice of the
Municipal Police in connection with any activities of an
undesirable nature.

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